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The reply brief filed June 7, 2004 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

It is noted that the rejection of claims 11-13, 19-22, 44-50 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as set forth beginning at page 12 of the Examiner's Answer (4/7/04) is withdrawn in view of Appellant's amendments filed 6/7/04. Applicant's arguments, evidence and Declarations under Rule 131, submitted 6/7/04, have been fully considered but not deemed persuasive for the reasons put forth in the Examiner's Answer (4/7/04). Additionally, it is noted that the evidence and Declarations under Rule 131 submitted 6/7/04 appear to be identical to that submitted on 1/5/1998.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Brannock, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0869. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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